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and no odor. If the cord is infected before the nurse is called, the boric acid powder and alcohol will soon do away with the odor.

I much enjoyed the article by Dr. John E. Boyd in the April JOURNAL. He has the right conception of what a doctor or a nurse should be. I wish his paper might be read by *all* in the profession. We need more in both the medical and nursing profession who have his high ideals.

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#### MISSIONARY NURSES NEEDED

DEAR EDITOR: Bishop Rowe, in charge of the work of the Episcopal Church in Alaska, urgently needs the help of three qualified trained nurses to take positions in small mission hospitals in different parts of the territory. There is one vacancy at St. John's, Ketchikan, and one at St. Matthew's, Fairbanks, and one at Our Saviour, Tanana. Ketchikan is on the southeastern coast, about 600 miles north of Seattle. Fairbanks and Tanana are in the very centre of the country.

It is desired that the nurses filling these posts should be members of the Episcopal Church, that they should be preferably between thirty and forty years of age, that they should have had thorough training and good hospital experience, and be able to adapt themselves to all sorts of unusual conditions.

The salary offered, \$500, barely provides for living expenses. Travel expenses will be supplied. The term of service is five years. One does not necessarily, however, pledge herself to remain for five years. If any readers of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING are willing to help relieve Bishop Rowe's anxiety and at the same time find opportunity for effective, though poorly compensated, service, I will be glad to hear from them and will supply additional particulars.

By the way, if any one does not care to venture into the rigorous climate of Alaska, possibly the Philippines would seem less forbidding. The Episcopal Church can offer a variety of climates in which missionary service needs to be rendered. Our St. Luke's Hospital at Manila is calling now for another nurse or two.

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#### SOME NURSES' VAGARIES

##### I.

DEAR EDITOR: After reading the article in the February JOURNAL by Dr. Walter Sands Mills, I no longer wonder why the nurse's life is sometimes criticized by some of our best people. The AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING is read by many outside of the profession, and finds its way into homes where nurses may be employed or into the nurses' own homes. This article being read by her parents, for example, would be embarrassing for the nurse, beside causing the disappointment of the parents in having a daughter in a place of temptation, rather than in a school to broaden and better her life and help others as they intended it should be, and is. This comes from a doctor who, in his language, has had to do with nurses in and out of hospitals, who should without a question know.

We freely give Dr. Mills a right to his biased opinion of women, as he has